

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for approximating the maturity of a company in view of at least one maturity model comprising:

providing individual requirements of the at least one maturity model on a display;
~~establishing~~ receiving generalized work products through a user interface and
storing the generalized work products in a first table;

with a computer processor, relating the individual requirements of the at least one maturity model stored in a second table to the generalized work products stored in the first table;

~~providing~~ receiving company-specific work products through a user interface and
storing the company-specific work products in a third table;

with a computer processor, associating at least some of the company-specific work products stored in the third table with at least some of the generalized work products stored in the first table;

with a computer processor, tracing the company-specific work products stored in the third table to the individual requirements of the at least one maturity model stored in the second table through the association of the at least some company-specific work products stored in the third table with at least some of the generalized work products stored in the first table; and

providing an indicator of the approximate maturity of the company in view of the at least one maturity model.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the maturity of the company is approximated in view of at least two maturity models, where in the individual requirements of the at least two maturity models are related to the generalized work products.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one maturity model includes multiple levels of maturity.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein the indicator of the approximate maturity is indicative of the highest of the multiple levels of maturity attained by the company.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the indicator of approximate maturity is a percentage.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the indicator of approximate maturity is provided in a report and the report includes a list of the individual requirements of the at least one maturity model that were not traceable to at least one of the company-specific work products.

7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein report further includes a list of company-specific work products that were not associated with the generalized work products.

8. (Original) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the indicator of approximate maturity is a percentage.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for using a maturity tracing system in order to determine the approximate maturity level of an organization in view of at least one maturity model comprising:

~~entering~~ receiving data indicative of organization-specific work products into the maturity tracing system through ~~[[a]]~~ the user interface and storing the organization-specific work products in a first table;

with a computer processor, associating at least some of the organization-specific work products stored in the first table with at least some ~~of the~~ pre-existing generalized work products ~~provided on~~ received with the maturity tracing system through the user interface and stored in a second table;

~~requesting the~~ receiving a request through the user interface for tracing of the organization-specific work products stored in the first table to maturity requirements for the at least one maturity model stored in a third table ~~through the user interface~~, wherein the maturity tracing system includes at least one computer application for relating the pre-existing generalized work products stored in the second table to the maturity requirements for the at least one maturity model stored in the third table; ~~[[and]]~~

~~requesting a~~ receiving a request for a report indicating the approximate maturity level of the organization in view of at least one maturity model through the user interface; and displaying the report on a display.

10. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, further including
querying text indicative of at least one or the pre-existing generalized work products and the maturity requirements for the at least one maturity model in order to ascertain description information therefore.

11. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the description information is provided in a pop-up window on the user interface.

12. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the description information is provided through a hyperlink to an information screen on the user interface.

13. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the user interface is a computer comprising a processor, data input means and data viewing means.

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the maturity of the organization is approximated in view of at least two maturity models.

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15. (Currently Amended) A computer system for approximating the maturity of a company in view of at least one maturity model comprising:

computer means for storing data representative of generalized work products in a first table, data representative of individual requirements for the at least one maturity model in a second table, and data representative of the company-specific work products in a third table;

at least one relationship database for relating the data representative of generalized work products stored in the first table to the data representative of individual requirements for the at least one maturity model stored in the second table;

a[[n]] computer application for prompting in a user interface the association of the data representative of the company-specific work products stored in the third table to the data representative of generalized work products stored in the first table;

a[[n]] computer application for tracing the data representative of the company-specific work products stored in the third table to the data representative of individual requirements for the at least one maturity model stored in the second table; and

a[[n]] computer application for providing and displaying an indicator of the approximate maturity of the company in view of the at least one maturity model.

16. (Original) The system according to Claim 15, wherein the system approximates the maturity of the company in view of at last two maturity models.

17. (Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 15, further comprising a user interface for collecting the data, wherein the user interface comprises ~~a processor~~, data input means and data viewing means.

18. (Original) The system according to Claim 17, wherein the data input means includes at least one of a keyboard, a network connection, and a port.

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